

NDDDES NEWS

Grants and Training Section

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Section Chief Notes

This is the first newsletter of the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services' Grants and Training Section.

The purpose of a newsletter is to provide information on grants, training, and exercise-related topics.

Our hope is that by providing this information our customers will have the opportunity to stay abreast of issues and activities to foster greater understanding of the programs managed and administered by NDDDES.

"A good relationship starts with good communication."

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FY 2014 SHSP Grant Opportunity

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for FY 2014 State Homeland Security Grant Program funds that have been de-obligated by subrecipients will be available on the NDDES website at <http://www.nd.gov/des/homeland/grants/info/> beginning March 4, 2016.

The application deadline is March 31, 2016, at 11:59:59 p.m. Only complete applications will be considered. Applications must be submitted via email to nddes@nd.gov ATTN: Dave Rice.

Projects funded under this opportunity must be complete by July 31, 2016.

FY 2016 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant Opportunity

The Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for FY 2016 State Homeland Security Grant Program will be available on the NDDES website at <http://www.nd.gov/des/homeland/grants/info/> March 10, 2016.

There are two NOFOs/Application packages. One for local and tribal units of government, hospitals, and certain non-profit organizations; and one for regional response teams.

The SHSP provides funding for preparedness activities that address high-priority preparedness gaps across all core capabilities where a nexus to terrorism exists..

Application Deadline

Application deadline is April 3, 2016, at 11:59:59 p.m. Only complete applications will be considered. Applications must be submitted via email to nddes@nd.gov ATTN: Dave Rice.

Questions

If there are questions pertaining to project eligibility or the application process, please contact Dave Rice at drice@nd.gov or 701.328.8250.



**FY 2016
Emergency
Management
Performance
Grant (EMPG)
Program
Opportunity**

County and Tribal Emergency Management Organizations may now apply for the FY 2016 EMPG.

Information for the FY 2016 EMPG has been posted to the NDDES website at: <http://www.nd.gov/des/homeland/grants/info/>.

- Budget Narrative is due February 29, 2016.
- Work Plan and Program Narrative is due March 11, 2016.
- Updated Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan (TEP) is due June 30, 2016.

Budget, Work Plan/Program Narrative should be emailed to Annette Sabot at asabot@nd.gov.

TEP should be emailed to Brenda Vossler at blvossler@nd.gov.

Questions:
701.328.8251



**FY 2016-2017 Hazardous
Materials Emergency
Preparedness (HMEP) Grant
Program Opportunity**

HMEP provides training and planning funds to increase effectiveness in safely and efficiently handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents, enhance implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), and encourage a comprehensive approach to Hazardous Materials training to include all disciplines and the variety of situations they face.

The HMEP grant guidance and application forms are available on the NDDES website at <http://www.nd.gov/homeland/grants/info/>.

Deadline to apply to NDDES is April 1, 2016. Applications should be submitted by email to Karen Hilfer at khilfer@nd.gov. Questions: 701.328.8254

Timesheets

This is a reminder that personnel funded through the EMPG program must keep timesheets that show the hours worked on EMPG-related activities versus other activities. This is to meet federal requirements identified in 2 CFR—Part 200.

A sample timesheet is available on the NDDDES website at <http://www.nd.gov/des/homeland/grants/info/>.

Procurement

When procuring property and services using funds from any Federal award program, subrecipients **must** follow 2 CFR Part 200.318-200.326. Entities that do not follow procurement requirements will not be reimbursed and their funding rescinded.

Subrecipients may **not** sole-source (procure by non-competitive method) unless:

- Permission is received from NDDDES **prior** to procurement taking place.; **and**
- The circumstances in 2 CFR Part 200.320 (f) apply.

Subrecipients **cannot** exclude vendors based on geographical preferences.

Subrecipients **cannot** specify only a “brand name” product instead of allowing “an equal” product to be offered and describing the performance or other relevant requirements of the procurement. Under the Uniform Rules, this is considered restrictive of competition. 2 C.F.R. § 200.319(a) (6). When it is impractical or uneconomical to write a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements of the property or services to be acquired, a NFE may use a “brand name or equal” **description** as a means to define the **performance** or other salient requirements of procurement.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

- ICS 300-400 Dickinson—March 7, 2016
- MGT 418 Readiness: Training Identification Preparedness Planning—March 9, 2016
- L205 Recovery from Disaster: The Local Government Role—March 21, 2016
- PER 212 Operational Level Response to Haz-Mat/WMD Incidents (NFPA-472, 2008 Ed.) - April 1, 2016
- ICS 300-400 Valley City—April 25, 2016
- L963 Planning Section Chief Position Specific Training—May 10, 2016
- G235 Emergency Planning—May 17, 2016